

SECTION 1. DESIGNATION.

The United States Post Office located at 297 Larkfield Road in East Northport, New York, shall be known and designated as the "Jerome Anthony Ambro, Jr. Post Office Building".

SEC. 2. REFERENCES.

Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the United States Post Office referred to in section 1 shall be deemed to be a reference to the "Jerome Anthony Ambro, Jr. Post Office Building".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. SESSIONS) and the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. FATTAH) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Texas (Mr. SESSIONS).

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, H.R. 3167 was introduced by the gentleman from New York (Mr. ACKERMAN). The legislation was introduced on February 5, 1998 and is cosponsored by the entire House delegation from the State of New York pursuant to the policy of the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

H.R. 3167 designates the building of the United States Postal Service located at 297 Larkfield Road in East Northport, New York, as the "Jerome Anthony Ambro, Jr. Post Office Building".

Jerome Anthony Ambro, Jr., a lifelong New Yorker, was born in Brooklyn. He graduated from New York University and served in the United States Army military police. Mr. Ambro served four terms as Huntington Town Supervisor and as a member of the Suffolk County Board of Supervisors. He was elected to Congress in 1974 and served three terms representing the 3rd District of New York. Mr. Ambro was elected leader of the 1982 freshman Members who were elected after Watergate. He served as Chairman of the House Subcommittee on Natural Resources and Environment and was known for his tireless work for senior citizens, strengthening Social Security, and his role in passing the clean air and clean water legislation. Mr. Ambro died at age 64 in 1993.

Mr. Speaker, I urge all my colleagues to support this legislation.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. FATTAH. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume, and I rise in support of H.R. 3167.

Our effort here, Mr. Speaker, is to name a post office in honor of a former colleague, and this was offered by the gentleman from the great State of New York (Mr. ACKERMAN). It is in honor of a gentleman whose record of service in this House speaks for itself, I think all would agree, in terms of his fight on behalf of senior citizens and the protection of Social Security and in terms of his efforts in passing the Clean Air Act, his acknowledged leadership by his colleagues when he was elected head of the freshman class, some 82 Members.

The other point that I would make is that he served even before his election here to Congress. He was a member of the armed forces and, in part, during his service there, was a military police officer. My older brother served as a military police officer, so I have a certain affection for those who serve in that role or have served in that role. And I also think it is important to note his recognized contributions in his local community.

So I would join with my colleague from Texas and ask that we favorably support this bill unanimously out of the House and that we do our part, which is to acknowledge his service and his dedication to public service, through the naming of this post office in his hometown.

Mr. ACKERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H.R. 3167, a bill to designate the United States Post Office located in East Northport, New York, as the "Jerome Anthony Ambro, Jr. Post Office Building." This legislation is a fitting tribute to a great man and selfless public servant.

I am proud to be the sponsor of this legislation. The fact that all 31 members of the New York Delegation cosponsored the bill demonstrates the respect we all have for Jerome Anthony Ambro, Jr. In addition, both Senators from New York have sponsored similar legislation in the other body. It doesn't stop there. The Huntington Town Board—the local government representing the community where the post office is located—unanimously approved a resolution urging Congress to pass this legislation.

The reason this bill has such widespread support, from the grassroots to the Capitol, is that Jerry, as his friends called him, served his constituents, colleagues and country well. Unfortunately, our nation sustained a major loss when Jerry passed away in 1993 from diabetes complications.

Jerry was a lifelong New Yorker, and he never forgot his roots. Following his service in the United States Army, Jerry served his constituents admirably for four terms as the Huntington Town Supervisor. In that role, he worked diligently to improve environmental protection and senior citizen services on Long Island.

Following his local success, Jerry was elected to three terms in the U.S. House of Representatives where he served as Chairman of the Science Subcommittee on Natural Resources and the Environment. He played a leading role in passing clean air and clean water legislation that improved our country's quality of life. Jerry also was a tireless advocate for senior citizens, fighting for the strengthening of Social Security.

Jerry Ambro's distinguished public service in local government and the House of Representatives deserves to be honored. The East Northport Post Office will be a legacy to Jerry's tireless efforts to improve the lives of New Yorkers.

I thank the chairman and the ranking member of the Postal Service Subcommittee for their cooperation in moving this legislation, and I strongly urge all of my colleagues to support this important bill.

Mr. FATTAH. Mr. Speaker, I have no further requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I have no further requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Texas (Mr. SESSIONS) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 3167.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on H.R. 3167, the bill just passed.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

EDGAR C. CAMPBELL, SR. POST OFFICE BUILDING

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 3939) to designate the United States Postal Service building located at 658 63rd Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, as the "Edgar C. Campbell, Sr., Post Office Building".

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 3939

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. EDGAR C. CAMPBELL, SR., POST OFFICE BUILDING.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The United States Postal Service building located at 658 63rd Street, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, shall be known and designated as the "Edgar C. Campbell, Sr., Post Office Building".

(b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the building referred to in subsection (a) shall be deemed to be a reference to the "Edgar C. Campbell, Sr., Post Office Building".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. SESSIONS) and the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. FATTAH) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Texas (Mr. SESSIONS).

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, H.R. 3939 was introduced by our distinguished colleague and ranking member of the Subcommittee on Postal Service, the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. FATTAH). The legislation was introduced on May 21, 1998, and enjoys the cosponsorship of the entire House delegation from Pennsylvania pursuant to the policy of the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

H.R. 3939 designates the building of the United States Postal Service located at 658 63rd Street in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, be known as the

"Edgar C. Campbell, Sr., Post Office Building".

Mr. Campbell senior was elected to five terms of city-wide office, including Councilman-at-Large and Clerk of the Quarter Sessions Court.

Mr. Speaker, I urge our colleagues to support this legislation, which is to honor Mr. Edgar C. Campbell, Sr.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. FATTAH. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume, obviously in support of H.R. 3939, a bill that I have authored and does indeed have the full support of the entire Pennsylvania delegation.

On many occasions we do this to honor the people that we are naming the buildings after, and in so many respects Edgar C. Campbell, Sr., honored us by his willingness to work and dedicate his life to public service. I knew him well personally. He taught me some of the more painful lessons of local politics, beating me in some of my earlier efforts at public office.

He was known as the "Dean of Black Politics" in Philadelphia, but also had a hand in most all of the politics of our local city in Philadelphia. He was someone who served both on the city council and as clerk of the court. He served as what we call the ward leader, that is, the local political leader of the 4th Ward executive committee, which is the ward I was raised in and came of age in politically.

Edgar C. Campbell, Sr.'s legacy continues through the great work of his daughter, who is now the ward leader there and head of a group of ward leaders, and also the leader of our local party, the leader of one of the head offices of our local Democratic party organization.

So I just want to have the House understand the tremendous contributions of this person, who was a gentleman, but also had a way to make sure that everyone understood that he had a sense about politics and he understood how to make it work to the benefit of the people who were his neighbors, who entrusted him with the responsibility of serving in public office.

Mr. Speaker, I have no further requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself the balance of my time.

I did not know that Mr. Edgar C. Campbell, Sr., was a mentor of the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. FATTAH), but I must state that he must have been a gentleman who taught well, because he has always not only been a gentleman but fought vigorously for all those things he believes in.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor for us to name this post office in his honor, and it is great that the gentleman has brought this forth, and we appreciate that.

Mr. Speaker, I have no further requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Texas (Mr. SESSIONS) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 3939.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on H.R. 3939, the bill just passed.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

DAVID P. RICHARDSON, JR., POST OFFICE BUILDING

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 3999) to designate the United States Postal Service building located at 5209 Greene Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, as the "David P. Richardson, Jr., Post Office Building".

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 3999

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. DAVID P. RICHARDSON, JR., POST OFFICE BUILDING.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The United States Postal Service building located at 5209 Greene Street, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, shall be known and designated as the "David P. Richardson, Jr., Post Office Building".

(b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the building referred to in subsection (a) shall be deemed to be a reference to the "David P. Richardson, Jr., Post Office Building".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. SESSIONS) and the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. FATTAH) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Texas (Mr. SESSIONS).

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, H.R. 3999 was introduced by the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. FATTAH), who is the ranking member of the Subcommittee on Postal Service. The legislation was introduced on June 5, 1998, and enjoys the cosponsorship of the entire House delegation from the State of Pennsylvania pursuant to the policy of the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

H.R. 3999 designates the building of the United States Postal Service located at 5209 Greene Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, as the "David P. Richardson, Jr., Post Office Building".

Mr. Richardson served 11 terms in the Pennsylvania House of Representa-

tives. He was involved in many community and professional organizations, including the Urban League of Philadelphia, the National Association of State Legislators, and the Greater Germantown Youth Corporation. He was the recipient of numerous honors and awards for his civic involvement.

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Mr. Richardson died in 1995.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support this legislation, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. FATTAH. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I also rise in support of H.R. 3999, which would name a postal facility in the Germantown section of Philadelphia after a former colleague who I served in the State House with, David P. Richardson. He served for some 11 terms as a state legislator from Philadelphia. I served in the State House for 3 terms and then as a state senator in which our districts were contiguous to each other and also briefly as a Member of Congress while he was still alive.

David P. Richardson was a state legislator. But he was more than that. He was elected by his colleagues as the president of the National Association of Black State Legislators in our Nation. He was the president of that association but also served on the Executive Committee of the National Conference of State Legislators.

He was at home in Harrisburg, in our state capital, the chairman, or as we would say, the "powerful chairman," of the health and welfare committee for so many years that none could remember a previous chairman.

David P. Richardson served his constituents well. He was a former product of the public schools of Philadelphia, Germantown High School. He is someone who is well-respected for all of his work. His legacy will be with us for a great time to come. And this post office in the heart of his State House district will remind his constituents that David P. Richardson and his work should not ever be forgotten.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

May the spirit of what we have done here today and us working together live and enrich these communities of these post offices of which we have dedicated not only to the people of these communities but also for the spirit in which these gentlemen lived their lives.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. Gillmor). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Texas (Mr. SESSIONS) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 3999.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.